

The Ripley Reminder



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Service Times

Sunday Bible Study..... 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning 10:20 AM

Sunday Evening 5:00 PM

Wednesday Evening..... 7:00 PM

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ONE FOR CHRIST SUMMER SERIES 2025



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The concept of "One" reflects
God's desire for unity,
purpose, and devotion in our
relationship with Him and
others. This series explores
how being "one" shapes our
faith, community, mission,
and hope.

ONE GOD, ONE HEART

SAM GLOVER FROM IUKA

AUGUST 6

ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

MARK BLACKWELDER FROM ESTES

AUGUST 13

ONE MISSION, ONE MESSAGE

BILLY BEARDON FROM FOOTE STREET

AUGUST 20

ONE HOPE, ONE FUTURE

TERRY SMITH FROM STRICKLAND

AUGUST 27



1300 HALL DRIVE, RIPLEY, MS 38663

DINNER AT 6:00 PM BIBLE STUDY AT 7 PM

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE:

IT DOES NOT HURT TO BE NICE

“And whosoever shall give to drink unto these little one a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.” (Matt. 10:42)

While on a road trip recently, my wife and I stopped at a restaurant for a meal before getting back on the road.

Having to use a cane to get around these days, when we had finished eating, I began to get up from my chair. After a couple of efforts, I made it to my feet. Just as I stood, a man at the table next to ours had noticed my having difficulty and had begun to get up from his chair to give me a hand. I thanked him and said I will be fine now that I am standing. I expressed appreciation for his willingness to help me – a total stranger! I did not want to leave without thanking him for his offer to help me.

We experienced another blessing as we approached the doors leading out of the restaurant. A couple was entering the restaurant as we were leaving and they each stood aside holding the two doors open for us to exit. We thanked them for their kindness, just before the lady said, “Have a blessed day!”

In Matthew 7:12, Jesus said, “Do unto others the way you would have them do unto you.” If we want to be treated with thoughtfulness and kindness, we should treat others the same way. We ought to be conscious of the many times and ways we can show kindness to others. We will discover that every day we are afforded opportunities to show kindness to others. Do someone an unexpected favor, speak a word of encouragement, show love and appreciation for the help of others.

One more example of kindness we recently experienced: a few days ago, one of our precious ladies at church stopped by our house and surprised us with a loaf of delicious homemade bread! Again, we had a chance to say thank you for your thoughtful kindness toward us.

Treat others with kindness! It will come back to you in acts of kindness and blessing.

My minutes up!

James A. Horton

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

“BUT HIS HEART WAS NOT IN IT”

“This people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.” (Mt. 16:8)

To my knowledge, Amaziah, the eighth king of Judah, is the only man in the Scriptures of whom it was said “He did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart.” Some translations read “. . .but his heart was not in it.”

To say that one's heart is not in something is the same as declaring that his/her interest and enthusiasm are not a part of that in which they are engaged. For example, what about our prayers? Do we make the words, the requests we make of God, and especially our declarations of praise and thanksgiving to Him from the depths of our heart? In other words, do we pray fervently because our hearts are in it? What about worship? Do we participate with a devoted and sincere heart? Do we sing praise to God and join in each prayer, making it our own? Do we listen to each point of the sermon as Donnie DeBord pours out his heart to teach, instruct and motivate us to live faithfully in obedience to God?

Paul admonished his brethren to be “. . .fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.” (Rom. 12:11b) Jesus said, “You shall love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.” (Mk. 12:30) Obviously, demonstrating a half-hearted commitment to God is unacceptable to our Heavenly Father!

Take time to dwell upon this concept and remember to “keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life.” (Prov. 4:23) The fact here stated is that the whole moral conduct of human life, and its every action, attitude and purpose are determined by what one thinks and believes.

From a young man's heart who is frustrated with his mother's request that he take out the trash, to the heart of a New York stockbroker who sometimes has to make financial decisions against his better judgment, we have all had to make decisions when our heart was not in it!

But when it comes to living for the Lord, our heart MUST be in it! God said to Israel after they had profaned His name, “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.” (Ezek. 36:26) Jesus said to one of the scribes in Mark Mt. 22:37, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” What does the Bible mean by, “with all thy heart?” The answer is simple: we are to use our time, talents, soul, mind and strength and resources to keep His commandments. It means to love and obey Him with our whole life. . .living each day in subjection to Him!

My minute's up! James A. Horton

Worship Service August 2, 2025

Welcome.....	Michael Harrison
Song Leader AM	Dan Shappley
Opening Prayer AM.....	Paul Macaluso
Read Scripture	Anderson Thompson
Lord' Supper AM	Mark Martindale
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM	David Hudson, Mike Bennett, Billy Morton
.....	Shane Green, Jerry Green, Darrell Tatum
Closing Prayer AM.....	Dean Caviness
Song Leader PM.....	Ronald Chapman
Opening Prayer PM	Caleb James
Lord's Supper PM	Hunter Kuhl
Closing Prayer PM	Sam Green

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Robert Bryant, Jr., the son of Ronald and Jane Chapman, had heart surgery on July 30. Pray for the surgery to be successful and his recovery to be speedy.
- Continue to pray for Chris Grisham as she recovers from surgery.
- Sandra Graves is doing much better and wants to thank you for the prayers for her.
- Scott Kuhl is recovering from shoulder surgery. Pray that his recovery is speedy.

Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Susan Ainsworth, Ann Akins, Ali Rae Barkley, Pattie Box, Annette Brooks, Dianne Butler, Wade Carmichael, Lori Chapman, Tom Childers, Cora Chills, Paula Dowty, Chris Grisham, Shan Grisham, Kenny James, James Johnston, James Allen Johnston, Vince Jordan, Johnnie Jumper, David Lipe, Caleb McAlister, Billy Hugh McBryde, Donald McTizi, Sharon Monson, Steve Robinson, Jan Rooker, Carol Smith, Trey Smith, Anna Hearn Thompson, Peggy Wallis, Benny Wallis, Austin Wentz, Jimmy Willingham, Dennis Woods

Diversicare: Terri Barkley C-9, Cindy Holly D-8

NEWS & NOTES

- The first night of our Summer Series will be August 6. We will have a fellowship meal at 6:00 with our lesson beginning at 7:00.
- Our updated church directory is nearing completion. Please, check your information to make sure it is complete and correct. If you have not entered yours, please do so. If you need any help or have questions see Shane Green.
- Jenny and Eden Thompson will be keeping the nursery this Sunday.

